

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 25-26, and 28-29 are pending in the application. Claims 12-17 are withdrawn.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.33 and M.P.E.P. § 1206, an amendment to the claims may be entered after the filing of a notice of appeal but prior to the date of filing a brief if the amendment presents rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Accordingly, Applicants amend claim 1 to clarify that depositing an adhesion layer onto the wafer via a screen printing process is part of the step of forming a socket. Such clarification places claim 1 in better form for consideration on appeal. Support for this amendment is found at least in paragraph [0039] of the specification. No new matter is added by this amendment.

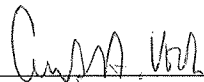
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter the amendments to the claims to present rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deemed necessary in connection with this Amendment to deposit account 12-0600, referencing the Attorney Docket Number 408204.

Respectfully submitted,

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